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- (1) a copy of a Communication dated April 14, 2009 and a Supplementary European Search Report (in English), which issued in the counterpart European application;
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- (3) a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated April 21, 2009 (along with an English-language translation thereof entitled "NOTICE OF REASONS FOR REJECTION") which issued in the corresponding Japanese patent application;
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 - (5) Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$180.

A concise explanation of relevance for the enclosed foreign language documents is met by the enclosed English-language translation of the Japanese Office Action and the English-language Supplementary European Search Report.

Each of the cited publications is considered relevant or material to the patentability of the present invention, in view of the citation thereof in said Supplementary European Search Report and said Japanese Office Action.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to return to the undersigned initialed copies of the enclosed IDS Forms to

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